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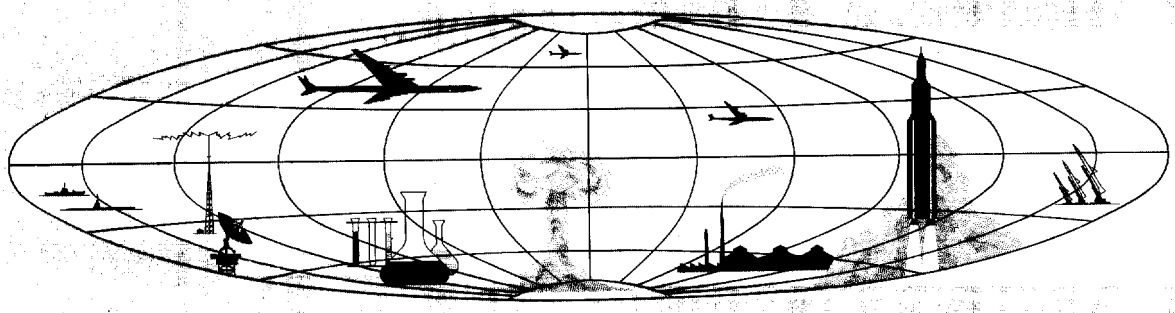

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3493, DATED 15 MARCH 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

25X1A [redacted]

MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITION, AND GUIDANCE RADAR.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS (5 CANVAS-COVERED), ONE MISSILE TRANSPORTER, CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITION AND A CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE RADAR.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 6 CANVAS-COVERED PROBABLE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTER AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

AT LEAST 20 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS OBSERVED. POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

SITE APPEARS COMPLETE. NO MISSILE EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

TWO LAUNCHERS, 8 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AND 8 CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

SITE CONTAINS 46 CRUISE-MISSILE TYPE CRATES, 12 PROBABLE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND APPROXIMATELY 150 VEHICLES IN HEADQUARTERS AREA. ONE PROBABLE MISSILE TRANSPORTER IS PARKED IN WOODED AREA JUST WEST OF HEADQUARTERS.

25X1D [redacted]

-AIRFIELDS-

25X1A [redacted]

CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

AIRCRAFT -- 12 FAGOT/FRESCO VISIBLE.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 40 FISHBED, 2 FARMER, 18 FAGOT/FRESCO, 11 B-26, 2 T-6 AND 6 LIAISON-TYPE.

25X1D [redacted]

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25X1A [redacted]

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CONSTELLATION, 2 BRITANNIA, ONE VISCOUNT, 2 C-54, ONE B-26, 4 C-46, 3 CRATE AND ONE CRATE FUSELAGE, ONE LODESTAR AND ONE LIAISON.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 10 COLT, ONE PBY, ONE CAB, 3 CRATE AND 39 LIAISON/TRAINER.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 45 HOUND, 3 HARE, 2 BELL HELICOPTERS AND 1 C-47.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE.

25X1D [redacted]

-PORTS-

25X1A [redacted]

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

25X1D VESSELS -- 12 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, AND 2 PF.

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25X1A [redacted]

BANES PORT 2055N 07542W

NO VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

25X1A VESSELS -- 25 LARGE FREIGHTERS INCLUDING -- THE [redacted] 25X1A AT SANTA CLARA PIER (HATCHES OPEN, BOOMS ACTIVE, FLOATING CRANE AND BARGE WITH UNIDENTIFIED CARGO ON DECK TIED UP ALONGSIDE AND 3 VEHICLES ON PIER) [redacted] AT EDIFICIO QUAY NO 1 (4 HATCHES OPEN, FORWARD HATCH CLOSED, ALL BOOMS EXCEPT THOSE STOWED OVER FORWARD HATCH ACTIVE, APPROXIMATELY 11 VEHICLES ON QUAY), THE PASSENGER SHIP [redacted] AT THE WARD LINE PIER (FORWARD HATCH OPEN, FORWARD BOOMS APPEAR ACTIVE), ONE LARGE TANKER, 3 COASTAL FREIGHTERS, 4 COASTAL TANKERS, ONE PF, 2 PC, 8 PT AND 6 SOVIET-TYPE TRAWLERS. 25X1A

25X1D [redacted] 25X1D

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

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PUERTO PADRE PORT 2113N Ø7632W [redacted]

ONE LARGE FREIGHTER MOORED AT CAYO JUAN CLARO.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

25X1A

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N Ø8248W [redacted]

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS, VEHICLES, OR EQUIPMENT. AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED. POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N Ø7934W [redacted]

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS, VEHICLES OR EQUIPMENT IN AREA COVERED BY PHOTOGRAPHY.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N Ø8220W [redacted]

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS, VEHICLES, OR EQUIPMENT. THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED. POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N Ø8228W [redacted]

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS, VEHICLES, OR EQUIPMENT IN THE SEVEN AREAS. THE 6-GUN AAA SITE REMAINS UNOCCUPIED WITH GUNS NEARBY. POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

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25X1A [redacted]

BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
FIFTEEN FA PIECES AND 21 TRUCKS OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

EASTERN AREA -- APPROXIMATELY 37 FA PIECES, 21 POSSIBLE PRIME MOVERS, 50 TRUCKS (12 TOWING FA PIECES).
WESTERN AREA -- 30 TRUCKS OF WHICH 20 ARE TOWING FA PIECES.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

EIGHT LOWBOY TRAILERS AND APPROXIMATELY 100 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

AREA 1 -- 7 POSSIBLE TANKS/SP GUNS.
AREA 2 -- APPROXIMATELY 10 VEHICLES.
AREA 3 -- APPROXIMATELY 20 POSSIBLE TANKS/SP GUNS AND AT LEAST 10 VEHICLES.

25X1D [redacted]

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

25X1A [redacted]

LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION 2301N 08245W

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES.

25X1D [redacted]

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25X1D [redacted] 25X1A [redacted]

25X1D [redacted]

-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE LAST COVERAGE -- 25X1A [redacted]

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1	2257N 08239W
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE	2225N 07935W
SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4	2246N 08258W
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2	2257N 08236W
TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES	2303N 08207W
CHAPARRA SAM SITE	2107N 07626W
HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	2300N 08226W
LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE	2252N 08233W
LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP	2301N 08242W
BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP	2258N 08311W
CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2256N 08252W
MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA	2307N 08212W
HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA	2301N 08226W
SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2255N 08210W
MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP	2258N 08217W
PURIO, MILITARY AREA	2233N 07952W
NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA	2258N 08214W
GUANABO AREA, MILITARY AREA	2311N 08203W
CAMPO FLORIDA, MILITARY CAMP	2307N 08206W
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA	2258N 08227W
SPECIAL AREA HOTEL	2301N 08246W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE	2250N 08233W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED	2254N 08231W
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR	2300N 08234W
SPECIAL AREA TANGO	2258N 08244W
TARARA LANDING BEACH	2310N 08212W
SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE	2303N 08218W
MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE	2258N 08218W
BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES	2256N 08223W

25X1D [redacted]

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25X1A

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED --

LOS ANGELES SAM SITE	2100N 07541W	[redacted]
BANES CRUISE-MISSILE SITE	2058N 07538W	
PRESTON AIRFIELD	2044N 07539W	
SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT	2241N 08218W	
EL JUCARO, MILITARY AREA	2051N 07543W	
NICARO LANDING BEACH	2042N 07533W	

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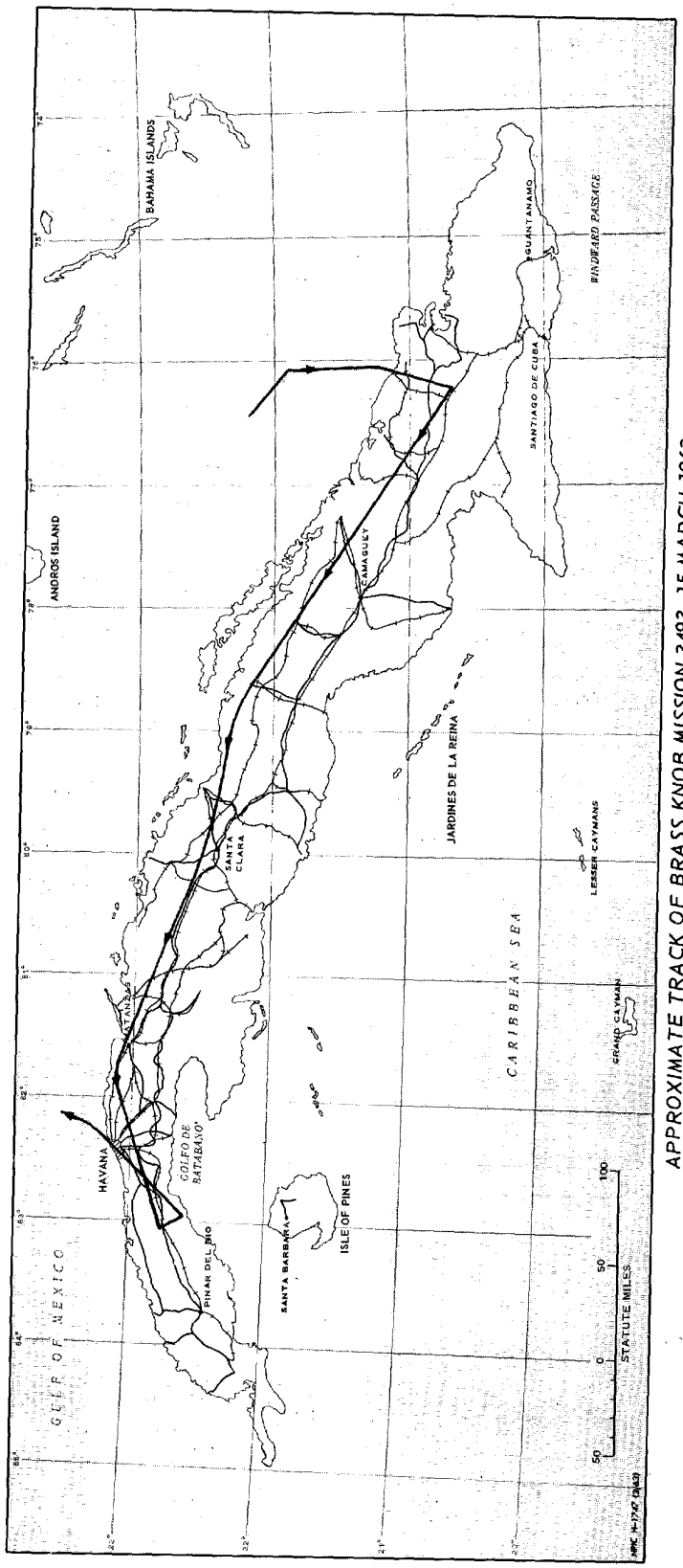

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